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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Poonam SALOTRA, et al
Serial No.: 10/086,184 Group No.: 1637
Filed: February 27, 2002 Examiner.: Cynthia B. WILDER
For: SPECIES-SPECIFIC PCR ASSAY FOR DETECTION OF LEISHMANIA
DONOVANI IN CLINICAL SAMPLES OF KALA-AZAR AND POST KALA-
AZAR DERMAL LEISHMANIASIS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION ACTION

In response to the Official Action of April 22, 2003, wherein the Examiner has requested an election of claims, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-4, 10, 11 and 13, in the present application. This election is made without prejudice to Applicants' right to prosecute the non-elected claims in a divisional application, if desired.

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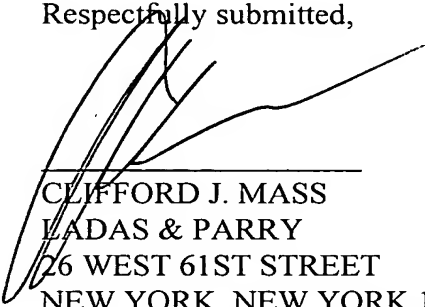
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Applicants have now fully responded to the aforementioned Official Action and now respectfully request an early action on the merits of at least the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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